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Provost Marshal Reminds Men Of His Duties And Their Own

Leaders Should Set Soldiers Example

By Major George A. Haas
Provost Marshal

I am glad to make a few remarks as Provost Marshal of this Division and in doing so I am loathe to be critical, because I realize the construction of the camp must go on and because of this the conditions surrounding us are not what we would all hope for, but eventually I am sure we will have a beautiful camp and at the same time we should all be proficient soldiers.

As a whole this Division is facing a task with willingness and determination and I am sure it will live up to its slogan "It Shall Be Done." But we must be ever conscious that there is much room for improvement. We must be consistent in doing each day's job the best it can be done, for until we accomplish perfection we will not have lived up to the expectations of our Commanding General.

Provost Duties

A Provost Marshal of any Army Division has many duties and responsibilities delegated to him by the Commanding General. His job may be severely hard or it may be pleasantly easy. This depends on the attitude and support given him by the various unit commanders. Strictly applied it depends on how each unit commander has followed instructions by conveying orders and regulations, originating at Division Headquarters, to each enlisted man of his unit. The Provost Marshal and his Military Police, going about their daily duties carry out orders given to them. They act as a clearing house in seeing that there are no violations. In many instances they are viewed with some contempt, but in every case the attitude of the men can be traced to the negligence on the part of the unit commander who has failed to convey to his men the orders he has received.

The Provost Marshal and Military Police are primarily concerned (Continued on Page Three)

Engineers Back To College Again

It was back to college again for 14 Engineers from the 106th Regiment this week, as the U. of Fla., opened its first "soldier class."

Taking a course in drafting at the Gainesville university are: Corp. James E. Solomon, Co. B; Privates 1st class; William H. Wilson, Hq. & Ser. Co.; Eugene E. Fay, Co. D; Charles B. Bailey, Co. E; Walter F. McClure, Co. C; and Barney E. Braxton, Co. F; Privates Waldo W. Davis, Co. F; Joseph G. Shriver, Warren J. Ward, Harold L. Sturman and Earl S. Baird, Hq. & Ser. Co.; and Horace E. Stewart, Co. A.

THUMB TOURING BANNED

No more hitch-hiking. Citing the ride-bumming custom as "unmilitary, a discredit to the uniform and detrimental to the standing the Army enjoys with the civilian population," Col. Frederick W. Manley, acting division commander, has forbidden men of the Dixie Division to engage in it. And that means you.

Demonstration In Machine Gun And Anti-Tank Gun

Climaxing 10 days of instruction in the use of the .50 calibre machine gun and the 37 mm A-T gun, Capt. Harry J. Lewis of the Second Battalion Headquarters, 124th Infantry, and Capt. Earle M. Shine, commanding officer of Anti-Tank Company, 124th Infantry, instructors in the use of these weapons, staged a demonstration Tuesday afternoon at the south end of the camp employing these weapons in a defensive sector for the benefit of their students.

Simulating actual combat, the troops from several companies of the 124th actually "organized the ground," for such a problem, digging fox holes and emplacements for their weapons.

The troops and the students assembled on a battalion reserve line at 1:30 P. M., where the orders for the defense of the sector were read and the men took their positions from this point. The students were conducted on a tour of the defense positions from this point, and stopped several times while the instructors explained various details in connection with the placement and employment of these weapons in such a maneuver.

Col. Fred A. Safay, commanding officer of the 124th Infantry, and Lt. Col. George A. DeCottis, executive officer, were present for the demonstration and made an inspection of the area after the troops had taken their positions on the "front."

Also taking part in the demonstration were 1st Lieut. Alphonse Fritot, commanding officer of company G, 124th Infantry, and instructor in the use of the .30 calibre machine gun, and Capt. Robert B. Harkness, commanding officer of Company H, who directed the demonstration of a 81 mm platoon.

155TH INF. HALL OPENS

Music from the hills of Mississippi rang out when the 155th Infantry opened its recreation hall. The program included a song, "Don't Join the Army," written by Corp. John Lawrence and sung by James Alexander, Persey Stewart and Vernon Stephens, Co. B.

Songbooks To Be Ready Soon For All Soldiers

67 Favorite Songs In Volume To Be Given Out

The War Department has announced that, in line with efforts to maintain a high morale in the Army, a new official Army Song Book will be distributed to all components of the Army of the United States about February 1, 1941. In addition, Reserve officers with line commissions, who by their civilian experience may assist in stimulating group singing, may be used to aid in this phase of morale work in their organizations.

The song book, prepared by the Morale Division of The Adjutant General's Office in collaboration with the Music Division of the Library of Congress, is approximately 6 by 9 inches in size and is covered with Army blue. It contains 67 songs. An attractive cover shows in cartoon style, the U. S. Army soldiers from the Revolution to the present day.

Piano accompaniments and guitar and ukelele chord arrangements will be printed for each song. Later it is planned to publish a smaller, pocket-size booklet containing the same songs, but with only a melody line of music, words and guitar and ukelele chords.

Songs in the book were selected on the basis of a poll of representative group of soldiers. It will be distributed to the arms and services on the basis of one book to each 50 men. The first edition of this book will be about 25,000 copies.

The books will be the property of the United States Government and the contents may be used only within the military services.

Lt. Bryan Wins Promotion In 117th

First Lieutenant Dozier S. Bryan, formerly of Elba, is now commanding officer of the Second Battalion Headquarters Battery, 117th Field Artillery following his transfer last week from Battery D by Regimental Commander Percy S. McClung.

Captain Milton P. Carter, formerly of Florida and formerly commanding officer of the Headquarters Battery that Bryan is now to command, was transferred to the command of Regimental Headquarters Battery.

Lieutenant Bryan is a graduate of the Fort Sill, Oklahoma Artillery school and is an instructor in Camp Blanding artillery schools now being conducted daily.

It is expected that Lieutenant Bryan will be promoted to the rank of captain within the next 10 days.

HONOR SYSTEM FOR PASSES NOW EMPLOYED FOR ALL E. M.; THREE CLASSES OF PASSES ARE OFFERED

THEY DON'T KNOW IT YET

In their haste to complete the building which houses the officers' mess of the 114th Field Artillery carpenters sealed two of their fellow workers in the attic.

It was like this. Two men were sent to make minor repairs to the inside of the roof and finishing their work in quick order, the pair decided to take a short nap. While they slept other workers hurriedly put up the ceiling, not knowing that the men were in the attic. Just as they were about to leave the building, shouts issued from an unknown source. Upon investigation the lost workmen were found in the attic with no way to get out.

Spanish Classes Being Conducted At 167th Infantry

Those interested in the study of Spanish, the language of our neighboring countries to the south, are invited to join the classes conducted by Lt. Wolcott, Chaplain of the 167th Infantry, in the Recreation Hall each week night.

The classes will be divided into two groups, one section will speak only Spanish, the other will cater to beginners, and study the fundamentals of the grammar and speech. Students may join either section, or both if they choose.

The classes are free, and the Lt. will welcome all genuinely interested in the study of the subject. Attendance has been large at the present, with an increase expected since the addition of five young ladies to the group.

Beginners classes will be held on Monday Wednesday and Friday, with the advanced group meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays. All classes will run from eight to nine p. m.

"Alabama" Joins Dixie Publications

Newest Dixie Division publication is the "Alabama" whose first issue was circulated last Thursday within the 167th Infantry. Oldtimers among regimental organs are the "Mississippi Dragon" of the 114th Field Artillery and the daily "Bulletin Board" of the 116th Field Artillery.

Official news of the Dixie Division is found in the timely "Daily Bulletin" issued by the acting adjutant general, Major T. D. Nettles, Jr. (Now you know where the "Dixie" gets its news.)

Read The Dixie and then send it home.

Dixiedoodle Says:
Habla Usted Espanol? If not, go to 167th Inf. . .

Men Can Earn Class A Privilege By High Standing

The honor system under which enlisted men of high standing can obtain Class A passes is now getting into full swing with the distribution of the special pass forms to all units.

The system is patterned after those of other army divisions and military schools, but has several unique features of its own. It embraces three types of passes, a Class A Honor Card, a Class B Privilege Card and a Class C Privilege, and the conduct of each soldier determines his classification.

Honor Cards

The Honor Cards are issued to men who by their outstanding soldierly qualifications demonstrate a high standard of military deportment and discipline. The card entitles such soldiers to be absent from the reservation whenever their presence is not required, but does not, of course, excuse them from any required duty. The card is in full custody of these soldiers, who have won this unusual privilege by proving they deserve it.

Class B

Class B cards go to those who also demonstrate soldierly qualifications, but who have not fully measured up to the Honor Card standards. This card also entitles the holder to be absent when his presence is not required, but it will be in the custody of the First Sergeant and will be issued to the bearer on application with the approval of the company commander. It will be turned in on return.

Class C

Class C privileges will be issued only for a particular occasion, and will go to those men deemed not qualified for Class A or Class B cards. A pass of any type can be revoked at any time by company, battery or detachment commanders. No pass is transferable. All men on pass must return to their areas not later than Taps, except on Saturday nights and nights preceding designated holidays.

Men found unworthy of holding the higher cards will be dropped to the lower classification. Passes must be shown to the military police on leaving and returning, and men will be inspected for neatness prior to departure. Departure books must be signed and civilian clothing cannot be worn on pass by enlisted men before the first three grades.

CHURCH SERVICES

Six denominations will hold church services in the Division Sunday. Many regiments are developing fine choirs.

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THE SPEED-UP

Except for the rainy day which practically halted work, the pace of the building activity at Camp Blanding was stepped up noticeably last week. Whatever the reason, the results are pleasing not only because they mean a quicker completion of the camp, but because the increased effort on the part of civilian workers and supervisors puts a better taste in the mouths of the men who are occupying the camp. Some day someone will write a book about the early days of camp construction in the United States. It might serve as a guide for future crises.

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Speaking of rainy days, we've experienced in our first month here a variety of weather conditions without serious effect on the men. Rain, unseasonable warm weather, and the cold spell beginning Monday have alternated suddenly and unpredictably—along with the beautiful days which we have to admit Florida has. But the Dixie Division hasn't had any "flu epidemics" nor any alarming number of flu cases. Maybe we're not the softies we're supposed to be at the beginning of a year's training.

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But we still think the best morale builder right now would be the assurance that the guardsmen of the division will have an equal share in the new issue clothing.

THE 31ST DAY
—CALENDAR OF EVENTS—

MOVIES

Below is the week's program for the 31st Division Theatre. Matinees are held each Saturday and Sunday afternoon, beginning at 2 o'clock, with only one show being presented. Night performances are offered every night, with two shows beginning at 6 and 8 o'clock.

Saturday—Double Features: "YOU'RE NOT SO TOUGH," starring the Dead End Kids and the Little Tough Guys; and "LEGION OF THE LAWLESS," starring George O'Brien. One performance at 2 o'clock, two night performances beginning at 6 o'clock.

Sunday & Monday—"FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT," starring Joel McCrea and Laraine Day. This is one of the year's outstanding productions. Matinee Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with one show only.

Tuesday—"TURNABOUT," starring Carol Landis and Adolphe Menjou.

Wednesday & Thursday—"THEY DRIVE BY NIGHT," starring George Raft and Ann Sheridan.

Friday—"UNTAMED," A Technicolor production starring Ray Milland and Patricia Morison.

Saturday—"SANTA FE MARSHAL," with Bill Boyd as Hopalong Cassidy; "THE SECRET SEVEN," with Bruce Bennett.

Sunday & Monday—"BOOM TOWN," starring Clark Gable, Spencer Tracy, Claudette Colbert and Hedy Lamar.

The Dixie's official mailing list has now passed the 100 mark.

Pvt. Palmetto

By Hale



"Aw, Sarge—it's just a little souvenir I picked up in Jacksonville!"

Specialists All

Army Chauffeur's Life No Bed Of Roses, Says Pvt. Derkman

(Editor's Note)—It is natural for soldiers to assume that the work of men in another department is easier and offers less trouble—just as it is the case with jobs in civic life. The DIXIE is going to present a short article each week, attempting to give a clear picture of the various phases of this new army of ours, mainly in the attempt to give every man in the Division an understanding of the work being done by his fellow soldiers in other lines than his own.

They look so relaxed, sitting in front of a Regimental or Brigade Headquarters, or parked contentedly in a row at Divisional Headquarters, but when the work for a chauffeur arrives, it brings a heavy load of responsibility with it.

But let Pvt. 1st class Oren T. Derkman, Hq. Btry. 56th F. A. Brigade, tell you about it:

"Yep, I guess it must seem pretty soft to the infantryman, walking out to drill each day, and seeing us parked there, talking and resting while they pound the concrete, but they have nothing on their minds except getting through the day and getting some rest.

"When the day starts we check our cars three times. Once before we start the motor, once with the motor started and once on the first stop after we have driven the car. We must be wide awake at all times, for the men who direct the work of our various units travel with us, and their safety is in our hands.

He's To Blame

"If that car is dirty, runs wrong or shows signs of not being cared for in the best possible way, well—it's just our old-er-neck. We must daily present a travel ticket showing: Number of machine, amount of gas used, other supplies used, speedometer reading before taking out and again after checking in for the night and any defects noticed during the day.

"From seven in the morning, till officer's mess at night, that car is our home, never to be left except when necessary, and it can get awfully monotonous. In case of the slightest accident, we

must make a full report, and if we are responsible, must pay damage.

"Add to that schedule, washing the car, and making all minor changes needed. And then too—maybe you'll feel better now—we do our turn at K. P. and guard duty."

U. S. Responsible For Damages To Leased Land Here

The government has leased some of the land adjoining the camp, and is assuming responsibility for damage to such. Soldiers are reminded to adhere strictly to the following rules: No fires will be built in the restricted areas, only minor surface excavations will be made, and will be immediately filled, no timber will be cut on this land, no citrus fruit will be picked from trees, no turpentine cups or other receptacles will be molested or removed.

The restricted land is that adjacent to and east of the camp area, bounded on the north by State Road No. 48 (Green Cove Springs-Starke Highway) and on the east and south by State Road No. 68 (Middleburg-Key stone Heights Highway).

Co. H, Of 106th Medics. Honored

The 106th Medical Regiment gives two awards weekly to its Companies. The first is given for Sanitation of Quarters and Kitchen; the second for Company Training.

Company "H" of Hattiesburg, Mississippi took both awards for the first week and has been given the Regimental Plaque and the honor of carrying the colors in the Regimental Parade.

TAXI SERVICE to town—reasonable rates. Apply J. A. B., Co. K, 156 Inf.

PRIVATE TALK
BY PRIVATE JAMES ALSOP

Well—We might as well get it out of our systems now. All of us have to kick a little sometimes, and this lament, it seems, could well fit the entire Division.

Now don't think I'm kicking, Cause I like it fairly well, If you want my whole opinion, The Army's pretty swell. But there has to be some drawback, That's the way life goes; Not that I'm going hungry— But Gawd!—I need some clothes.

PEOPLE WE ENVY: Members of the Second Battalion, 114th Field Artillery—Staff Sergeant Joe Phillips, Headquarters Battery, the proud possessor of a "Ham" radio transmitter, has established regular schedules for talking to the home towns of the three batteries in the Battalion.

At present, the Sergeant is doing a rushing business in calls to girls, mothers, wives, and even makes reports for entire units. If any other outfit would like to learn the doings of the Battalion, you can pick up Sgt. Phillips on your own radio.

And again we return to the 114th Field Artillery for a little scene:

"Dam," he said. Again the Sgt. reached under his bed. Again the half whispered curse word came through the darkness.

A light flashed on and five figures sat up in bed. "That's two more rounds of drinks you owe," they said in unison.

All this happened in tent 16, Battery C, where six Sergeants have agreed to bar all cursing during tent hours. Sgts. Chinault, Carr, Tackett, Coggins, Stoggs and Grissom. Sgt. Grissom has paid off two cases at present, it is reported, and the little scene just described happened when he found someone had removed a box of cookies. The last words he uttered in that episode were worth two more rounds of drinks.—Soft drinks.

AND THEN we have the letter received by the Commanding Officer of Company E, 156th Infantry. The letter was written by the owner of the Jacksonville Beach Bar, and spoke highly of the conduct of the non-coms of that company, whom the management has had the opportunity of serving each week-end.

Congratulations Boys—but wait a minute, that should be good for a gag! Yes it made it pretty obvious that they were spending their time where people are naturally going to seek fun, especially soldiers. They went to the very place where they would be most likely to create a disturbance. Yet they could mix, have their fun and still remain such gentlemen that a manager would sit down and write a letter to their commanding officer—Yep boys, those congratulations are whole hearted.

BY THE WAY—I guess most of you know that only a little more than a hundred miles from here is a school inhabited by nothing but GIRLS. The other day, one of those young ladies took the time to write a letter to this column, relating an episode she noticed during the recent trip some of the members of this Division made to Tallahassee.

The college has small "Date Parlors" and one soldier visiting his fiancee, had retired to the supposedly seceded spot. Time came for parting. She looked at her love. "Is my lipstick on straight Darling?" He examined closely. "Yup," he said, "Is mine?"

You're wrong boys—our correspondent didn't give her name—darn it!

Five Battery C men captured a filling station robber when returning to camp Sunday night. The heroes are Pts. 1st class Henry B. Fernandez, Joe Montero, Daniel K. Manrique and Pts. Murray W. Wells and Louis H. Thomas. The men were returning from week-end leave. They were in Wells' car and were coming north of Brooksville when a car passed them barely missing their car as it cut in front of them and sped on. The men had not quit using "army language" when they came upon the car overturned off the road. Thomas found a man a few feet from the car bloody but not seriously injured. The boys took him to a drug store where they found the sheriff waiting. A filling station had been held up in Brooksville and the police were on the lookout for the robbers. It developed that the soldiers had caught one of the robbers. The other one escaped injury and fled to the woods. He was later captured at the scene of the accident.

—The Bulletin Board

Boxing Bouts In 124th Area

Between 500 And 700
See Card Of Seven Bouts

By Lt. H. F. Milton
Athletic Officer 124th Infantry

A crowd of between 500 and 700 men and officers enjoyed fights in the 124th Infantry outdoor arena Monday night. There were 7 fights ranging from 130 pounds to 190 pounds, all evenly matched, according to ability. First bout between Charles Sams, Jacksonville, Fla., at 145 pounds and Private Nelson Anders, Jacksonville, Fla., at 145 both representing Headquarters Company, ended in a draw.

A very lively bout of 160 pound B class fighters was the draw between Private Mickey Levak of Company C of West Palm Beach, Fla., and Johnnie Milton, Company H Lake City, Fla.

Private Jack Evans of Headquarters Co., and Cpl. Green Howard of Company E Live Oak, Fla. Both boys were very game and didn't weaken throughout the bout, which was another draw, B class fight.

A B class fight of 150 pounds between Private Harry Brannen Company E Live Oak and Private Edward Brooker Anti-Tank Co., of Jacksonville, Fla., ended with Brannen gaining a decision in a very close fight.

The 5th fight was in the 135 Class A Division between Private DeLettre of Anti-Tank Co., from Jacksonville and Sgt. Ray Clark of Company M Tallahassee, Fla. Private DeLettre just recovering from a cold could not continue after the second round.

The 6th bout was between Heavyweights, Privates Charlie Blalock 186 pounds of the Service Co., from St. Augustine, and Robert Howell 190 pounds, from the Medical Detachment, of Sanford, Fla.

For a heavyweight fight of amateurs this was a honey, the fighters were in good condition and battled all the way through. Both fighters went down once during the fight, but on the decision of the judges, Blalock got a close decision.

The 7th bout, in the 130 pound class B division, was between Private Thomas Harris of Co. F. and Private Robert Harrold Headquarters Co., both boys are from Jacksonville. Harris did a lot of clowning, but in the last round Harrold made him stop most of it and get to the business at hand, Harris winning on a decision.

For all bouts Sgt. Art Riley announced and acted as the third man in the ring. Riley has had several years experience in promoting fights in the south, and during the last World War was a Champion in the U. S. Marine Corps. Captain Bob Kendricks of Service Co., and Lt. H. F. Milton of Co. H acted as judges.

Invites Army To President's Ball

The Army and civilian personnel of Camp Blanding is extended an invitation to attend the President's Birthday Ball in Starke on the night of January 31st.

The dance will be held in the new Armory building with music by Ted Sherwood and his Floridians. Proceeds of the dance will go toward fighting infantile paralysis.

General Hodges Recalls Old Days Of '17 Dixie Division

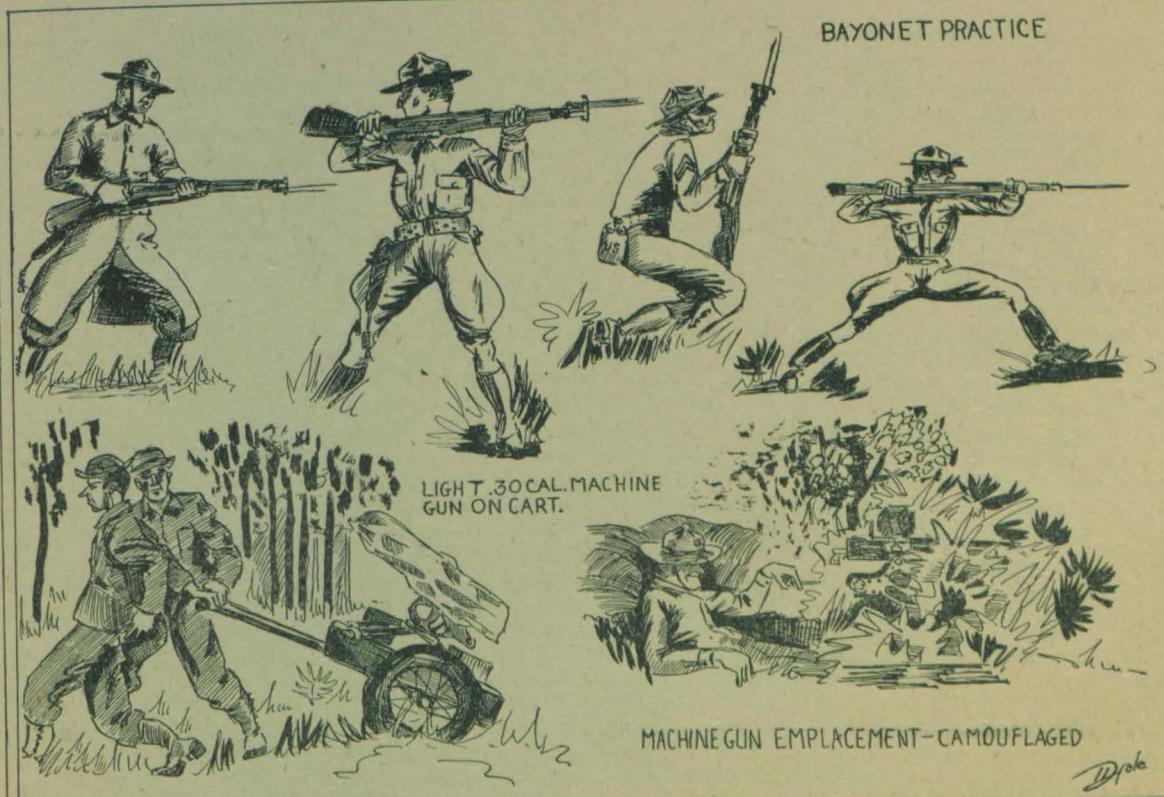
Tells How "It Shall Be Done" Became Motto

By Maj.-Gen. Campbell C. Hodges

I joined the 31st Division at Camp Wheeler, Macon, Georgia, in September, 1917, a few weeks after the National Guard troops of Georgia, Florida, and Alabama had concentrated there to form the nucleus of the division. Major General Francis J. Kernan, the Division Commander, and Colonel William M. Fassett, Chief of Staff, had recently left for a tour of inspection in France, leaving Brigadier General John L. Hayden, commander of the Artillery Brigade, as Division Commander. I became acting Chief of Staff upon my arrival and continued in that capacity for 10 or 12 months, during which the division remained at Camp Wheeler. Colonel Fassett came back from his "sight-seeing tour" in France, but General Kernan never returned to the division. Colonel Fassett soon left for France again, leaving me as Acting Chief of Staff until I was promoted Colonel of the 122nd Infantry, just before we sailed from New York in September, 1918. General Hayden was succeeded as Division Commander by Major General Francis H. French in the spring of 1919 and General French, after a few months, was followed by Major General Leroy S. Lyon, who took the division to France, where we arrived about five weeks before the Armistice.

General Lyon adopted the motto, "IT SHALL BE DONE," for the division and the spirit expressed by that motto soon became prevalent among the troops. I am glad to see that the 31st Division is again carrying the motto, "IT SHALL BE DONE." Our Infantry Brigades were commanded by Brigadier Generals Walter A. Harris of Georgia and Robert E. Steiner of Alabama. In the summer of 1918 we had to send overseas as replacements practically all of the infantry privates in the division; their places were filled by some 17,000 drafted men from the vicinity of Chicago

Dixie Field Sketches At Camp Blanding



BLANDING BREVITIES

MORE M. P.'s

The Military Police forces in Jacksonville and Starke have been increased to maintain order even better than formerly.

HOME TOWN PAT

Company I of the 156th Infantry has been complimented by the mayor and city council of their home town, Crowley, La., for their fine conduct and discipline while at home station.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

All officers and enlisted men of this Division who are transferred to a unit other than that shown on their original roster, are requested by the Post Office Detail to notify all correspondents of their new address in full. This will greatly expedite the delivery of mail addressed to them.

BARBER SHOP PRICES

A standard price list has been established for all Post Exchange Barber Shops, and a price sheet will be displayed in each. Prices of the various services are: Haircut, 25-cents; Tonic, 25-cents; Singe, 25 cents; Shave, 25-cents; Plain Massage, 25-cents; Boncilla Massage, 50-cents; Plain Shampoo, 25-cents and Oil Shampoo, 50-cents.

HOW TO PHONE

According to the recent order issuing from Headquarters Jan. 15th, telephones in the various units have been answered improperly. A correct form has now been distributed. The proper procedure in answering official phones is: Give Name of organization, name of person answering phone, and rank. Example: "Headquarters 56th Field Artillery Brigade, Pvt. Blank, Orderly speaking."

HELP POSTALS

According to Lt. Horace G. Towell, Postal Officer, Civilian Postal clerks will be on duty the afternoon of January 31st and all day February 1st at locations selected by the various Brigade Commanders. These clerks have been furnished transportation and guards and will enable the men to purchase postal money orders much easier than under the present system.

Provost Marshal

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cerned with the conduct of the soldiers, traffic regulations, discipline and wearing of the uniform. These are the orders and instructions referred to them and naturally they are concerned in seeing that they are complied with.

Proper Uniform

The proper wearing of the uniform should be continually stressed. One individual who is slovenly in his dress casts a reflection on our division as a whole. We should all, officers and noncommissioned officers of this Division, be conscious and alert to see that every soldier, not just those of his own unit, be completely clad in a neat, clean, full uniform, either khaki or denim, but never mixed. Many of our units are in need of additional clothing but I do not think there is a single case of a man not having a complete uniform. There is nothing more distasteful to the public eye than a barefoot soldier or one without any uppers. This is not an uncommon sight along the streets in our area. In many cases men have been found trying to enter a canteen without any kind of shirt on and they have been seen walking along the main arterial roads of our camp barefooted. The correction of this condition is primarily the duty of the Military Police, but it is not possible for them to be everywhere in our reservation, therefore it is the responsibility of any officer or non-commissioned officer to make such correction as they think necessary to avoid any unfavorable comments on the part of our Division as a whole. Should a soldier be accosted for some such infractions he should be ordered to report to his company street and there to report directly to his company commander.

Good Name To Uphold

It is the sincere wish of this office that this Division uphold its good name in all of the cities adjacent to our Camp and all men going on leave should be cleared by an officer of non-commissioned officer to see that they are properly uniformed, cleanly shaved, not in need of a haircut. They should also be given full instructions about their conduct and discipline. The names of any establishments declared to be "off limits" should be singled out and is should be explained to the men that these places have been declared "off limits" for their own individual protection.

Traffic control is of great importance. Orders should be followed strictly. Troops should be cautioned to walk on the side of the road facing oncoming traffic—the left side. The speed limit in Division area is thirty miles per hour but it must be remembered that this speed must be cut to fifteen miles per hour in congested areas and this regulation must be strictly enforced.

Those of us who have had previous training can render valuable service by giving the benefit of their experience to the new men as it is usually found that the average soldier wants to learn what he is expected to do, but many of them just don't know—they have never been given the proper instruction—who is to blame?

Your Radio giving you trouble? Send it to Bernard-Griggs-Herbert, Radio Technicians, Hq. Co. 156th Inf.

EYES RIGHT Along Dixie's Company Streets

114TH FIELD ARTILLERY

A meeting was called last Tuesday for all the men of the Regiment interested in dramatics. The present plans are for production of a play titled "submerged," dealing with six men of different characters in a submerged submarine.

Several members of the Regimental Band gave a short skit during the last Stunt night. Also a full musical program. The play was entitled "Double Exposure." Members of the cast were: Tech. Sgt. Simmons, Sgt. Paris, Pvt. Ed Williams, Pvt. Ennis Bailey and Pvt. Harold Levine.

Members of Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion received a nice surprise the other day. Though Christmas was long past, a large package arrived, addressed to the entire unit. Each member of the battery was presented with a genuine leather traveling kit, with the compliments of the people of their home town, Grenada, Miss.

Colonel A. G. Paxton, commander of the 114th Field Artillery announced appointment of L. William Fuller as commander of Battery A, succeeding Captain Fred O'Bannon, who has just returned to his home.

Staff Sgt. Horace P. Gautier, Battery F, has reported for a three months course at the motor school at Ft. Sill, Okla. Captain Fred W. Koops, Regimental Adjutant, attended a demonstration of the army's new automatic personnel recording machines at Fort Benning, Ga.

SPECIAL TROOPS

Pvt 1st class Charles Pond of the Medical Detachment is indeed a versatile young man. He not only fulfills the duties of an ambulance driver, but doubles in the position of Company clerk since promotion of Sgt. Ed Balzli, former Co. clerk, to Staff Sgt.

The Medical Detachment has a female member now. A slight blonde has stepped in and taken the hearts of the entire outfit. She isn't listed as a member on the army records, but she has a brand new pair of shoulder bars. The new member is Lt. Mabel, a spitz puppy, and is in the care of Pvt. C. A. Boyes. A miniature tent is being constructed for Lt. Mabel.

Several members of Headquarters Detachment made a trip to St. Augustine Sunday, January 12. Those making the trip were: Sgts. Lee Tacon, W. G. Allenbach, Corp. Billy Marriott, and Pvt. James S. Herdon Jr.

Members of the Headquarters Detachment have entertained several visitors from their home town of Mobile, Ala., lately. The visitors were: Mr. and Mrs. Romie Perez and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. George Cox. Mr. Cox is representing the Mobile Press Register.

Promotions in Hq. Co.: Private Shepard, Staff Sgt.; Private Wells, Private First Class; Private Laun, Staff Sgt.; Private H. Byrne, Third Class Specialist; Private Brown, Private First Class; Second Class Specialist; Privates First Class Smith and Craig; First Class Privates. Private First Class Sizemore, Second Class Specialist; Private Thompson, Private First Class, Third Class Specialist. Private First Class Kopf, Fourth Class Specialist; Technical Sgt. Ellis. Master Sgt.; Technical Sgt. Shurley, and Master Sgt. Staff Sgts. McCoy, Neal, Ott, and Rogers, Technical Sgts.; Sgt. Schneider, Pvt.

Yarber, Pct Weissenegger, Staff Sgts.; Privates First Class Dodge and Ellisor, Sgts.; Private Karm Second Class Specialist; Private Moss, Private First Class Third Class Specialist.

The basketball team from the Special Troops played its first game, last Friday night, losing a closely fought contest to the Green Cove Springs team by a score of 40 to 35. The basket shooters are expecting to improve with practice, feeling confident after holding the score as close as it was. They have had no facilities for practice so far, but expect to put a fast team in competition soon.

Six men of the Signal company have left for the Signal School at Fort Monmouth in New Jersey for three months instruction. They are: Master Sgt. Sam B. St. John; Sergeant Malcomb E. Morris; Corporal William C. Clainborne; Pvt Howard G. Dunn; Pvt Willie G. Pendleton; Pvt. Carl W. Brändau. Two men of the Company have been promoted to Corporal, they are: Pvts Oscar S. Rush and Ralph E. Moody.

117TH FIELD ARTILLERY

Promotions in Battery C are as follows: George H. Joyner, to Sergeant; Floyd H. Purnell, to Corporal; Robert Salter, to Corporal; Marvin Kindig, to Corporal; Elmer Morison, to Corporal; James W. Tanner, to Corporal.

To Private First Class: Herman Armstrong, Walter Bower, Walter Holland, Cecil Padgett, Olu Padgett, Winton McIntyre, Wesley Sheffield, James Bryant, Lee Cole, Hagood, Ellis, Bennie Gatlin, James Henderson, James Logan, Richard Potts, Rufus Burt and James Weaver.

Promotions in the 117th F. A. Band: Mora D. Womack, from staff Sgt. to Tech. Sgt. and Asst. band director Harry H. Hall to Staff Sgt., from Pvt.; Oscar E. Reeves to sergeant from Pvt. 1st class; Clemont F. Jordan to Sergeant from Pvt. and Johnny DeLoney to Sergeant from Pvt. 1st class.

Three men of the Band Personnel were reassigned, they are: Sgt. Jackson Knight to supply Sgt.; Corp Edward Rodgers to Corporal in charge of mail and publicity and Corp. Wilburn Leddon to Corporal in charge of band quarters.

Promoted to Pvt. 1st class in the band were: Oscar E. Erb, Joe Mills, Borden Coleman, Ed Driggers, Charles W. Thrower, Wallace Seymour, Harrison Lynch, Harold A. O'Leary and Albert B. Riley.

106TH QM. REG.

Sgt. Scott may have been the luckiest on the fishing trip, but the laws of average caught up with him when the party landed. He was knocked cold by a falling cocoanut, but came around all right, turning a serious matter into a good joke.

Officers and enlisted men of the Service Company heard a welcoming address from the Regimental Commander, Colonel J. H. Spengler, at the Recreation Hall.

Several of the men of Headquarters Company made a Deep fishing trip while on their tour to move a coast Artillery Regiment. Capt. Dixon, Sgt. John L. Montgomery, Sgt. Warren Scott, Raiford Maughan, Flavius Price, and Jack Morgan sailed 16 miles out into the gulf in search of salt water sport. Sgt. Scott proved

to be the best angler, catching a fourteen pound something or other.

106TH ENGINEERS

Several changes are noted in Company E. Pvt. John Vathis has been transferred to Reg. Officer's mess, and received the rank of Sergeant. Pvt. 1st class H. L. Sturman, has been transferred to Headquarters and Service Co., with a rating of second class specialist. This change comes through his ability as a first class draftsman.

Company E claims the record for erection of a seventy-two foot, pre-fabricated bridge. They completed the job, laying the bridge across the creek, in one hour and thirty-nine minutes.

106TH MEDICAL REG.

Sgt. and Mrs. Russell R. Johnson, Sgt. Hugh P. McCann, Sgt. Rupert O. Buckley, Sgt. Max V. Wainwright and Corp. Edward S. Wright, all of Co. H enjoyed a sight-seeing tour of several Florida spots. Among the places visited were: the Marineland Studios, St. Augustine and the Fountain of Youth.

Sgt. James C. Langston, Sgt. Murry Hurlbert and Sgt. Luther Turner of Co. H have been making tours over various sections of Florida.

Pvt. Avery E. Kolb, of Co. H to celebrate his recent marriage, bought each man in the unit a cold drink. His wife is the former Miss Mary Lucille Hinton, of New Augusta, Miss.

Several men in Company H have received promotions lately. The promotions are: to Sergeant: Gordon C. Black, Buford E. Brandon, Gordon L. Burleson, Charles W. McNair, Roland R. Stroud, Edward S. Wright. To corporal: Thomas W. Beverly, Paul B. Broke, Ernest J. Chidlers, Joseph L. Harper Jr., Batiox B. Hendry, Forrest Hinton, Avery E. Kolb.

156TH INFANTRY

Promotions in Company A have been announced: They are: To Sergeant: Albert N. Cook, Joseph B. Robertson, Paul D. Hanagriff, Chalmus M. George, William T. Riser and Joseph D. Cambre. To Corporal: James C. Chavers, Paul B. Comish, Daniel D. Holliday, Jr., Arthur D. Lard, Alvin J. Matherne, Robert G. Moore, Rander J. Ruiz, Jr., Cleveland F. Weisgerber and Rupert P. Williams.

Lt. Robert M. Derouen, who entered the N. G., as a Private last February, and set a new Regimental record for promotion, has been sent to Fort Benning, Ga., to attend Infantry School. He will return in March.

Promotions in Company G: To Sergeant: Rielius Broussard, Allen E. Landry, Oswald P. Ransone, Joseph Valenti, Melvin J. Barrilleaux. To Corporal: Patrick H. Aucoin, William E. Frantz, Thomas L. Ducrest, Edward C. Broussard, Harold J. Gourtois, Lawrence P. Goula and Rene Lassalle.

Promotions in Company C: To Sergeant: Gorum Cenac, Justin Dulplantis, Arnold Gaudet, Bonner Blanchard, Fred Thibodeaux, Celester Brien and Julius Hebert. To Corporal: O. J. Avet, D. J. LaBruyere, Jr., Hewitt Juniot, Raleigh Marcel, Norby Bergeron, Donald Boudreux, Maurice Fanguy, James Cannon and Lucius Eschete.

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156th Infantry Draws Big Crowd

Minstrel Show At Recreation Center Brings Out 500

A "packed and jammed" house, which means almost 500 men, witnessed the initial show of amateur night in the recreation center of 156th Infantry, Thursday, January 16.

Most of the companies in the regiment were represented with some stunt, song, hillbilly band, etc. All of which were received with hearty applause.

A combination of companies "F" and "H" took first place with a hillbilly band and tap dancing by Eddie Dominique. Their "El Rancho Grande" was very good and especially clever was their bass fiddler who used a broom for his instrument, stroking it back and forth on the stage floor. A number in French made a big hit with the French-speaking boys present. (Your writer didn't know what it was all about). The band was composed of Dan Gautreaux, Edwin Mouton, Vincent Guidry, Felix and Leroy Sonnier.

Stoogies Hailed

"The Stooges" from Company "E" ran a close second with a very entertaining farce on military drill, exercise and inspection. The Stooges were Sergeants Macajone, Monin, Clark and Privates Jack Martin, Lawrence Gilmore, Paul Derise, Clay Penn and E. G. Stansberry. Parenthetically, I would say that Company "E" would have won if a few more of their men had been present to supply a little more applause. They came close anyway.

Sterling Naquin, Company "B", did a nice job of "Maybe" and "Mexicali Rose" accompanying himself with a guitar. A string band—Joseph Gianfola and Roland Bourgeois—also played for Company "B".

Other numbers on the program included a string band with harmonica and an imitator of Donald Duck for Company "A." W. F. Dowden, W. L. Gilmore and Sidney Williamson furnished the music; W. H. Harrison did Donald Duck. R. J. Champagne, O. J. Avet and Joe Gianfola, guitars and accordian, represented Company "C."

Doctor's Luck

"A Doctor's Luck," a fake operation, was put on by men from Company "G." Company "I" presented Emery Fruge in imitations of Mortimer Snerd and an exhibition of handling "Arms." He also showed the boys how to charleston while Norris Mire, Donald David, Wilson Foreman and Robert Matthieu furnished suitable music.

Eliza Demory, Company "L," got a big hand for his self-accompanied rendition of "Talking Blues." The program was concluded with the Service Company's black face comedian, James C. Barton.

167TH INFANTRY

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Chaplains Busy In Dixie Camp

Since induction of Dixie Division units, the chaplains have been training just like other soldiers, and here at Camp Blanding they have ministered well to the troops they serve.

Major James N. Faulconer, Division Chaplain, reported the following activities of the chaplains: 768 Bibles distributed; also 3 Jewish prayer books; 3,345 papers, magazines and books distributed; 57 games distributed; 21 lectures on sex morality attended by 2,306 men; 3 sightseeing tours planned; 44 band concerts and mass singing held; 8 pianos purchased for enlisted men's clubs; 121 sermons preached; 252 visits made to hospitals; 14 Christmas programs and parties held; 14 special lectures on varied subjects; one Spanish class taught nightly; 200 daily devotional books distributed; installed reading tables in officers' messhalls; one health class conducted; one funeral conducted and one wedding ceremony performed.

The chaplains are attending a school for their branch twice weekly. Eleven professions of faith have been received and 3 baptisms have been administered.

New Types Of Army Range To Aid Field Meals

The War Department announced today development of a sectional gasoline field range, built in individual units so it can be expanded to meet the needs of any size organization, which assures Army troops in the field of better cooked meals than ever before.

Three of the units can be installed across the front end of a 1 1/2-ton Army truck, and ordinary hot meals can be prepared during field movements as well as while in camps or at field stations. By fastening the units together and anchoring them to the truck, meals can be cooked while the truck is moving.

As an example of the capacity of a single unit, which does roasting, frying, boiling and baking, the cooking for the following menu to serve 200 men for breakfast, 193 for dinner and 150 for supper can be accomplished:

Breakfast — Creamed chipped beef, home fried potatoes, toast and coffee.

Dinner — Roast leg of veal, bread dressing, pan gravy, buttered potatoes, stringless beans, creamed corn, coffee.

Supper — Rice and tomato soup, baked macaroni, tomato sauce, carrots and peas, coffee.

The best entertainment is offered each night in your Regimental Recreation Hall.

A WORD TO THE WISE

Last week's Dixie ran into mechanical difficulties. One result was scattered errors, scattered principally over Lieutenant-Colonel Louis J. Wise, G-2 (and he's our boss.)

For having Col. Wise's name spelled "Wist" on the editorial masthead, and for having him the "father of a 10—" The Dixie apologizes. Incidentally, that last line, dropped during press run, originally read "father of a 10-year old boy."